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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD HEARING MEETING OF JULY 24, 2001, SYNOPSIS 34 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PALMDALE ZONE**

At the Public Hearing held on July 24, 2001, Synopsis 34, concerning the proposed increased assessment in the Palmdale Lighting Districts, the Board determined that a majority protest existed and abandoned proceedings to increase the assessment. The Board instructed the Director of Public Works to formally request the City of Palmdale to take over the administration of the Lighting Districts and to report back to the Board with recommendations.

Our July 31, 2001, letter to the City formally requested them to assume responsibility for administration of the Lighting Districts. Our reports to you dated September 25, 2001, November 6, 2001, and December 27, 2001, included updates of our discussions with the City regarding the Lighting Districts' financing and administration issues.

Although we attended several meetings with the City during the time of these reports and subsequent to them, the City ultimately rejected our request to take over administration of the Lighting Districts. In a May 29, 2002, meeting with the City, we agreed to review other financing options for maintaining the solvency of the Lighting Districts in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03, and indicated we intended to pursue an assessment rate increase for FY 2003-04.

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As indicated in our June 18, 2002, memo to you, after a thorough review of all available options, we proposed that any Lighting District budget shortfall during Fiscal Year 2002-03 be financed by Fifth District Highway-Through-Cities (HTC) Road funds. In view of the unresolved financing and administrative issues for FY 2003-04 and beyond, we propose to consult with the Southern California Edison Company, the City, and the community during FY 2002-03 to identify and implement viable street lighting energy conservation and cost saving projects. Additionally, we propose to pursue an aggressive public awareness campaign targeting property owners and the community in support of a proposed assessment rate increase for FY 2003-04.

If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff contact my Deputy Director, Mr. Tom Alexander, at (626) 458-4012.

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